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SUBJ: SECOND REPORT US MEMBER STATISTICAL PANEL, 7TH SESSION
(STAP VII)

1. DURING SECOND AND THIRD WORKING DAYS, PANEL COMPLETED
CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS 2, 3, AND 4 (OTHER BUSINESS).
FOURTH AND FIFTH WORKING DAYS WERE SPENT REVIEWING SECRETARIAT'S
DRAFT REPORTS ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4.

2. CONCERNING ITEM 2, TRAFFIC FLOW STATISTICS, AFTER MUCH
DISCUSSION AMONG PANEL MEMBERS REGARDING POSSIBLE DISCONTINUATION
OF FORM C, SECRETARIAT REMINDED PANEL THAT PURPOSE OF THIS
PANEL WAS TO REEXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING AN ALTERNATIVE
TO FORM C FOR THE COLLECTION OF BASIC AIRCRAFT OPERATIONAL
AND CAPACITY DATA BY ROUTE, AND TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS FOR
CONSIDERATION BY THE AIR TRANSPORT COMMITTEE. THE PANEL WAS
ASKED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS, IN TERMS
OF REPORTING BURDEN, OF INTRODUCING AN ALTERNATIVE TO FORM C,
IN ADDITION TO THE TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS. DECISION ON
WHETHER OR NOT TO REPLACE FORM C WITH A NEW FORM IS THE DECISION
OF HIGHER AUTHORITY. DISCUSSION THEN PROCEEDED TO STAP-7
WP/3 AND FLIMSY #1, PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARIAT, AND FLIMSY
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#2 PRESENTED BY IATA. IATA'S ALTERNATIVE TO FORM C WAS BASED
ON IATA INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL TRAFFIC STATISTICS WITH DETAIL
OF CAPACITY AND AIRCRAFT TYPES EXTRACTED FROM ABC/OAG FILES.

3. US PANEL MEMBER MADE INQUIRY AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF STATES
BEING GIVEN OPTION TO FILE FORM C OR A NEW FORM, ALONG WITH
FILING OF EXPERIMENTAL FORM B-X AS AGREED TO BY STATES,

I.E., REPORTING FORM B-X ONLY IF CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IS REACHED.

4. AFTER EXHAUSTIVE DISCUSSIONS, SOME PANEL MEMBERS AGREED THAT, IF AN ALTERNATIVE TO FORM C WERE TO BE INTRODUCED, IT SHOULD BE ALONG THE LINES OF THE FORM PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARIAT IN APPENDIX OF WP/3, AS AMENDED BY THE PANEL.

5. NOTE THAT THROUGHOUT DISCUSSIONS, US STRESSED DESIRE TO RETAIN FORM C. ADDITIONALLY, NEED TO CONSIDER INCREASED REPORTING BURDEN AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA, IF A NEW FORM IS FINALLY ADOPTED, WAS STRONGLY EXPRESSED.

6. ITEM 3, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL-SCALE OPERATORS, WAS COMPLETED DURING THIRD WORKING DAY. MUCH DISCUSSION ON DEFINITION OF REPORTING UNIVERSE. CONSENSUS WAS REACHED THAT CRITERIA FOR REPORTING OF ICAO AIR TRANSPORT FORMS FOR SMALL-SCALE OPERATORS SHOULD BE BASED ON MTOW OF AN AIR CARRIER'S FLEET. PANEL MEMBERS DISCUSSED WHICH DATA COULD BE PROVIDED ON SMALL SCALE COMMERCIAL OPERATORS OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, BASED ON PARAGRAPH 23 OF STAP-7 WP/2. US COULD PROVIDE ONLY NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT BY TYPE ON AIR TAXIS AND COULD PROVIDE ALL BUT NUMBER OF PASSENGERS CARRIED ON COMMUTERS.

7. UNDER ITEM 4, OTHER BUSINESS, US BROUGHT UP TWO ITEMS. FIRST, NEED TO REVIEW PART 1, FORM G, AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS, UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR POSSIBLE SIMPLIFICATION, IN LIGHT OF SATISFACTORY OPERATION OF AIR NAVIGATION BUREAU'S ADREP SYSTEM. SECOND ITEM CONCERNED THE FURTHER DEREGULATION OF CARGO CARRIERS, WHICH WILL IN THE FUTURE HAVE AN EFFECT ON US REPORTING UNDER THIS CATEGORY.

8. REVIEW OF SECRETARIAT DRAFT REPORTS ON ITEM 1 COMPLETED THURSDAY. GOOD START MADE ON ITME 2. EXPECT TO COMPLETE REVIEW OF ITEMS 2, 3, AND 4 ON FRIDAY.
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